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Social Service Reading Lists

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The Commission submits the following outline of a course of reading for those who desire to understand the new social awakening, to know the social aspects of Christianity, and to promote the redemption of human society.

The social question—the question how men shall live together in right relations and share in the blessings of life on just principles—is up for hearing, and Christian men must consider this question and must aid in its solution.

The program of the kingdom contemplates not alone the saving of the person, but the salvation of society; in fact, these two ends are so intimately related that one cannot be realized without the other.

If the church of to-day is to demonstrate the power of the gospel to save society, its ministers and members must have an intelligent comprehension of the work to be done and of the way to do it.

The church can promote an intelligent interest in social effort by providing a select library of social service literature. The city library will be glad to cooperate, and will provide a special collection of volumes bearing upon social service in its many aspects.

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SUBJECT	SUGGESTED
The Social Task of Christianity	Rauschenbusch — Christianity and the Social Crisis; Batten — The Social Task of Christianity; Mac=farland — The Christian Ministry and the Social Order; Ward — The Social Creed of the Churches. Mathews—The Church and the Changing Order.
The Home	Thwing—The Family; Riis—The Peril and Preservation of the Home; Dealey—The Family in Its Sociological Aspects; Devine—The Family.
The City	Strong—The Challenge of the City; Sears — The Redemption of the City; Goodnow—Municipal Gov- ernment; Wilcox—Great Cities in America.
The Country	Butterfield—The Country Church and the Rural Problem; Fiske—The Challenge of the Country; Wilson—Evolution of the Country Community; Wilson—The Church of the Open Country; Bemies—The Church in the Country Town.
The Industrial Problem	Rauschenbusch—Christianizing the Social Order; Redfield—The New Industrial Day; Carlton—History and Problems of Organized Labor; Gore—Property: Its Duties and Rights; Hobson—Work and Wealth.

ALTERNATIVE

Taylor—Religion in Social Action; Dickinson—The Christian Reconstruction of Modern Life; Cutting—The Church and Society; Peabody—Jesus Christ and the Social Question.

Veiller—Housing Reform; Spargo—The Bitter Cry of the Children; Man= gold—Child Problems; Cope—Religious Education in the Family; Whetham—The Family and the Nation.

Stelzle—Christianity's
Storm Center; Addams
—The Spirit of Youth and
City Streets; Beard—
City Government in
America; Munro—The
Government of American
Cities; Riis—The Battle
with the Slums.

Gill and Pinchot — The Country Church; But=terfield — Chapters in Rural Progress; Ander=son — The Country Town; Plunkett—Rural Life Problems in the United States.

Kelley—Modern Industry;
Adams and Sumner—
Labor Problems; Batten
—The Social Problem;
Carlton—The Industrial
Situation; Balch—Christianity and the Labor
Movement; Wright—
Practical Sociology;
Brooks—The Social
Unrest.

SUPPLEMENTARY

Hodges—Faith and Social Service; Brown—The Social Message of the Modern Pulpit; Carter—The Church and the New Age; King—Moral and Religious Challenge of Our Times.

Howard—Matrimonial Institutions; Davenport
—Heredity in Relation to Eugenics; Forbush
—The Coming Generation; King—Social Aspects of Education.

Rowe—The Problems of City Government; Lin= coln—The City of the Dinner Pail; Wood— The City Wilderness; Kellogg—The Pittsburgh Survey; Woodruff—Commission Government.

Gillette—Constructive
Rural Sociology; Carver
—Principles of Rural
Economics; Report of
the Country Life Commission; Baily—Country Life Movement.

Mitchell — Organized
Labor; Jenks — The
Trust Problem; Hob=
son — The Evolution of
Modern Capitalism;
Nearing — Wages in the
United States; Stelzle
— The Church and the
Working-Man; Kellogg
— The Pittsburgh Survey.

SUBJECT	SUGGESTED
Economics and Sociology	Seager — Principles of Economics; Ellwood — Sociology and Modern Social Problems; Small — The Meaning of Social Science.
Social Theology and Social Ethics	King — Theology and the Social Consciousness; Hyde—Outlines of Social Theology; Smith — Social Idealism and the Changing Theology; Clarke—The Ideal of Jesus; Strong—The New World Religion.
Social Solutions	Kirkup—History of Socialism; Ely—Socialism and Social Reform: Benson—The Truth about Socialism; Spargo — Syndicalism, Industrial Unionism, and Socialism Carver—Essays in Social Justice.
Politics	Jenks—Principles of Politics; Bate ten—The Christian State; Mulford —The Nation; Oppenheimer— The State.
Social Waste	Warner—American Charities; Devine — Misery and Its Causes Vedder—The Gospel of Jesus and Problems of Democracy; Henderson—The Cause and Cure of Crime Bowen — Safeguarding the City' Vouth

Youth.

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SUPPLEMENTARY

Ely—Outlines of Economics; Ward — Applied Sociology; Ellwood — Sociology in Its Psychological Aspects; Small—General Sociology; Cooleey—Social Organization.

Hall—Social Solutions;
Watson — Social Advance;
Henderson — Social Duties;
Henderson—Social Programmes of the West;
Addams—Newer Ideals of Peace.

Simkhovitch — Marxism Versus Socialism; Skel= ton—Socialism; Spargo —Socialism; Hillquit— Socialism Summed Up; Brooks—The I. W. W.; Ramsey—Individualism; Vedder — Socialism and the Ethics of Jesus.

Willoughby—The State; Lowell—Public Opinion and Popular Government; Dole—The Spirit of Democracy; Wilson— The State; Garner— Introduction to Political Science.

Smith—Social Pathology;
Devine — Principles of
Relief; Healy—The Individual Delinquent;
Hollander—The Abolition of Poverty; Bever=
idge — Unemployment;
Hall—Crime and Social
Progress; Hunter—
Poverty.

McKenzie — Introduction to Social Philosophy; Patten—The New Basis of Civilization; Fair= banks—Introduction to Sociology; Ross—Social Control.

Fremantle—The World as the Subject of Redemption; Nash—The Genesis of the Social Conscience; Ross—Sin and Society; Addams—Democracy and Social Ethics; Patten—The Social Basis of Religion.

Wells — New Worlds for Old; Sombart—Socialism and the Social Movement; Bernstein — Evolutionary Socialism; George—Progress and Poverty; Wallas—The Great Society.

Bluntschli — The Theory of the State; Smith — The Spirit of American Government; Goodnow — Social Reform and the Constitution.

Richmond—The Good
Neighbor; Wines—Punishment and Reform;
Report of Committee
of Fifteen—The Social
Evil; Addams—The
New Conscience and an
Ancient Evil; Report
of Committee of Fifty
—Substitutes for the
Saloon.

Social Service Reading Course

A Brief List of Books for Beginners

Rauschenbusch. Christianizing the Social Order. \$1.50 net.

Batten. The Social Task of Christianity. \$1.25 net.

Ward. The Social Creed of the Churches. 50 cents net.

Macfarland. The Christian Ministry and the Social Order. \$1.25 net.

Devine. Misery and Its Causes. 50 cents net.

Strong. The Next Great Awakening. 75 and 35 cents net.

Carlton. The Industrial Situation. 75 cents net.

Gardner. The Ethics of Jesus and Social Progress. \$1.25 net.

Addams. The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets. 50 cents net.

Ellwood. The Social Problem. \$1.25 net.

Ross. Sin and Society. \$1.00 net.

Jenks and Lauck. The Immigration Problem. \$1.75 net.

Weyl. The New Democracy. \$2.00 net.

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George. Progress and Poverty. \$1.00 net.

Dickinson. The Christian Reconstruction of Modern Life. \$1.50 net.

Gore and Others. Property: Its Duties and Rights. \$1.40 net.

Sears. The Redemption of the City. 50 and 35 cents net.

Croly. Progressive Democracy. \$2.00 net.

Lippmann. Preface to Politics. \$1.50 net.

Human Documents of the Social Movement in the United States

A Course of Reading Specially Recommended for Young People

Addams. Twenty Years at Hull House. \$1.50 net.

Riis. The Making of an American. 50 cents net.

Steiner. Against the Current. \$1.25 net.

Washington. Up from Slavery. 50 cents net.

Irvine. From the Bottom Up. 50 cents net.

Gladden. Recollections. \$2.50 net.

Antin. The Promised Land. \$1.75 net.

Anon. Undistinguished American. \$1.10 net.

Barrows. A Sunny Life. \$1.50 net.

Keller. Out of the Dark. \$1.00 net.

Bacon. Beauty for Ashes. \$1.50 net.

A Selected List of Books on the Social

Movement in the Churches of the United States

Strong. The New World Life. 50 cents and \$1.00.

Strong. The New World Religion. \$1.50 net.

Peabody. Jesus Christ and the Social Question. 50 cents net.

Rauschenbusch. Christianity and the Social Crisis. 50 cents net.

Brown. The Social Message of the Modern Pulpit. 50 cents net.

Gladden. The Church and Modern Life. \$1.25 net.

Batten. The Social Task of Christianity. \$1.25 net.

Macfarland. The Christian Ministry and the Social Order. \$1.25 net.

Mathews. The Church and the Changing Order. 50 cents net.

Crooker. The Church of To-day. 50 cents net.

Hodges. Faith and Social Service. \$1.00 net.

Earp. The Social Engineer. \$1.50 net.

Wilson. The Church of the Open Country. 50 and 35 cents net.

Butterfield. The Country Church and the Rural Problem. \$1.00 net.

Ward. The Social Creed of the Churches. 50 cents net.

King. Theology and the Social Consciousness. 50 cents net.

Hyde. Outlines of Social Theology. \$1.50 net.

Hall. Social Solutions in the Light of Christian Ethics. \$1.50 net.

Henderson. Social Duties from the Christian Point of View. \$1.25 net.

Patten. The Social Basis of Religion. \$1.25 net.

Vedder. Socialism and the Ethics of Jesus. 50 cents net.

Stelzle. American Social and Religious Conditions. \$1.00 net.

Munro. The Government of American Cities. \$2.00 net.

Streightoff. Distribution of Incomes in the United States. \$1.50 net.

Smith. Social Idealism and the Changing Theology. \$1.25 net.

Kelley. Modern Industry. \$1.00 net.

Nearing. Social Religion. \$1.00 net.

Noel. Socialism in Church History. \$1.75 net.

Troeltsch. Protestantism and Progress. \$1.50 net.

In the above lists no attempt is made to give the titles of all the important and valuable books on any subject. It is the purpose of the Social Service Commission to indicate the volumes which are specially worthy of consideration and give an approach to the subject. Those who desire to make a further study of any topic can consult special bibliographies, or may correspond with any of the social service secretaries.

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